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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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WE DEMAND THE \$100.

"In an effort to breed trouble in the democratic ranks the Journal last week employed the following language:

"Why did the Telegram refer to Frank Kiernan and John Goetz, democrats, as 'political hysters'?" The Telegram feels charitable this morning, and so we hereby publicly authorize the State bank to pay the Columbus Journal, and charge to our account, the sum of \$100.00 if the Journal can show when or where the Telegram ever employed such language in reference to Messrs. Goetz or Kiernan. We make this offer in good faith. The Journal needs the money."

We admit we need the "hundred" and we shall proceed to prove our title to it under the Telegram's offer.

Look up your copy of the Telegram of August 25, 1905. Turn to the last page and read the third paragraph of the first column of the article discussing the supervisors' meeting at which supervisors Goetz, Kiernan and Swanson voted for a resolution instructing the county attorney to proceed in court to recover from supervisors Ernst and Bender \$536 of the county money which they had received in excess of their legal salaries, which resolution was lost because Bender and Ernst were permitted to vote for each other.

The paragraph starts out with this language: "Obviously it (the resolution in question) was to decide a fine point of law in regard to the maximum salary which supervisors may legally receive for their services. As a matter of fact it was NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN A MOVE BY POLITICAL HYSTERS in attempt to malign the good record of men whose service as public servants had been above reproach."

Who were the men who supported this resolution "ostensibly to decide a fine point of law," but "as a matter of fact" as "political hysters" in attempt to malign the good record" etc?

Let the language of the Telegram in the same article answer the question: In substance the resolution found that Ernst and Bender had drawn illegal money and directed the county attorney to take all legal steps to recover the same. Two votes were taken, one on affecting Ernst and the other affecting Bender, neither of the gentlemen voting on the same respecting themselves. The vote stood Swanson and Goetz for adoption of the resolution, and Goetz, Bender and Ernst, as the case might be, against. Chairman Kiernan went on record in favor of the resolution.

Goetz and Kiernan voted just as hard as Swanson and Goetz used more argument to support his vote.

And we find no language in the article which excludes Kiernan and Goetz from the charge directed against the three supervisors responsible for the resolution.

Now that we have proved our title to the "hundred dollars" under the Telegram's offer, we publicly refuse to accept the money on the ground that it is "tainted". It represents only a small part of the amount which the Telegram has collected illegally from the taxpayers of Platte county on fraudulent printing contracts. We, therefore, publicly authorize the Columbus State Bank to donate the money to the "tainted fund" to be used in erecting the "Reckless temple" on the university campus.

"I just had to attack that fellow" said the editor of the Telegram the other day referring to his spiritual enemy on the left, habits and conduct of the editor of this paper. We are glad to learn that we have been "attacked". If we remember correctly Dewey was "attacked" at Manila Bay.

Last Word to Voters.

DON'T FORGET:

1. That you are paying 7 per cent interest on \$15,000 deficit in the county treasury to pay illegal supervisor salaries, illegal printing bills and exorbitant fees.
2. To look at your tax receipt just before going to the polls.
3. To read Judge Letton's and J. D. Stires' letters of acceptance as evidence that the republicans in the state and county are for the "Roosevelt program" which swept Platte county last fall.
4. To compare the qualifications of the republican candidates with those of their opponents.
5. That the only reply to the Journal's charges of corruption which have stood unanswered for months, is an eleventh hour personal attack on the editor of this paper which has no relation to county issues.
6. That the democratic machine will resort to extreme measures and that every friend of clean government must work till the last moment.

MORE ABOUT LEAVY.

The Telegram and the Platte Center Signal are not yet satisfied with the proofs offered by the Journal to show that Superintendent Leavy by ingenious methods of book-keeping made the taxpayers of Platte county pay for the teachers' reception for which he claimed the credit and for which he said he paid "out of his own private bank account."

The Telegram praises the honesty and ability of Superintendent Leavy and tries to belittle the Journal's evidence by saying that "Dave Newman swears that he saw it in a letter from somebody."

We are always happy to accommodate our big hearted and charitable contemporary. The "somebody" who wrote the letter was C. R. Atkinson who has just been honored by election to the presidency of the Wyoming state teachers' association.

And this same C. R. Atkinson wrote another letter which we offer in evidence. This letter was written to Superintendent Leavy. Superintendent Leavy wrote and asked for it to disprove the Journal's charge.

Why didn't Superintendent Leavy publish the letter in the Telegram under the same big head "Leavy Nailed a Lie"? Read the letter and answer the question yourself. Here it is:

SHERIDAN, WYO., Oct. 16, 1905.
Supt. L. H. Leavy,
Columbus, Neb.,

Dear Mr. Leavy:—
Replying to your letter of October 16 I will say that my mind is not clear as to whether I ever signed a receipt for pay for institute instruction for you though until your letter came I ran through my mind that I did. I recall that the expense of the closing social affair of the institute was added to my salary and this thing confused me at the time of our settlement. Afterwards I mentioned the matter to just one man and I did this not to injure you but because I was in doubt as to the rightness of a part of the transaction, and wanted to refer it to the conscience of another man to secure a judgment that would possibly quiet my own. This is undoubtedly where the report to which you refer originated. I have been asked about this one and told the truth as I remembered it, stating, however, that I believed that the money expended for social purposes worked to the interest of the institute and that the cost of the entertainment was fully what you had charged up to it. This I am willing to state for publication, if necessary, though I sincerely regret becoming a factor in Platte county politics. If I thought you had misappropriated money, I would not hesitate to condemn the action without a qualifying word, but the worst I have ever thought of you has been that you had a peculiar method of book-keeping to which I wish I had not been made a party.

Very truly yours,
C. R. ATKINSON.

Is this evidence sufficient to prove to the taxpayers of Platte county that Superintendent Leavy is a "grafter" and unfit to occupy the position he holds?

Teachers, and parents of Platte county, are you indifferent as to the character of the man who directs the schools from which the boys and girls draw their inspirations for life? Will you demand an honest man to handle your money, while you turn your children over to a grafter?

It is not a question of personal friendship. The people of Platte county have been kind to Superintendent Leavy. They have kept him in office in spite of his grafting and lack of qualifications until he has been able to build up a profitable business. Now he asks them to continue the salary with which he has bought his business, while he devotes his main energies to building up that business. Will they do it?

Now, Brother Howard, suppose that the Journal editor had even taken the money of a widow's boy at a gambling table or had drawn a bogus check for his contribution to a good sized jack pot and then pulled a friends leg to protect the check and had forgotten to pay it back? What is that to the public? What the devil would it have to do with the \$15 a thousand which the Columbus Journal collected from the taxpayers of Platte county for a two years supply of blanks which it agreed to do the next year for \$3.75 a thousand when it knew there were none to furnish? Or what would it have to do with the present fraudulent contract between the Telegram Company and Platte county in which the Telegram agrees to furnish Japanese linen letter heads below cost because it knows it is never called on to furnish them?

That \$454.15 Warrant.

The taxpayers of Platte county are paying 7 per cent interest on Sheriff Carrig's warrant for \$454.15. This is the same warrant that Supervisor Kiernan at first refused to sign. The bill is itemized as follows:

Copies of notices, \$78.00
Service and return, \$141.50
Mileage, \$234.65

An examination of the records in Assessor Galley's hands shows the return of 262 notices. The law allows 25c each for copies and 50c for service and 10c a mile mileage. Take your pencil and figure this out. Mr. Carrig either made a "clerical error" in figuring up his charges for "copies" and service or some of the returned notices have been lost from Mr. Galley's records.

At any rate it is evident that the bill in question was not checked up with the records.

And as for mileage, Sheriff Carrig must have traveled 4,693 miles to have collected legally the amount specified, an absurd proposition on its face.

Taxpayers, draw your own conclusions. The Journal merely states the facts.

"Equal Rights" Ratterman.

Three prominent citizens of Creston testify to the correctness of the Journal's charge that Judge Ratterman serves the democratic newspapers first and the people afterwards. They are D. A. Steenis, W. H. Dean, and Theo. D. Wagner. They all requested notices published in the Creston Statesman and Judge Ratterman turned them down.

Stires Announces Platform.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—The Republican convention has honored me with the nomination of County Judge, and as I was not present, to express my views upon the issues that have been made prominent, I take this method to announce some of the principles that will govern my official conduct, should I be elected.

I have noticed, with much satisfaction, your efforts to correct some of the abuses that have grown up in the management of our county affairs, and I hope the people have been aroused to the danger of this tendency to squander public funds and prostitute officials position to personal and political advancement.

The "Railroad Pass" question: While a railroad pass may neither be given nor accepted as a bribe, more than any other form of courtesy or favor from an individual, yet it is a growing evil with a dangerous tendency, and to avoid any possible undue influence, and hold the scales of justice" impartially between the rich and poor, I propose to refuse such favors during the campaign and my term of office if elected.

Legal Printing: I regard it an injustice to litigants and an abuse of official prerogative, as well as a corrupting political practice, to give the publication of all legal notices and official proceedings to some party paper, as a compensation for political services, regardless of the wishes of interested parties or value to the public; but I believe that the party requiring such service should have the right to select the paper, and, if elected I shall comply with all such requests; provided the paper selected fulfills the letter and spirit of the law.

Respectfully Yours,
J. D. STIRES

Prof. O. H. Smith, has been principal of the Brainard schools for nearly four years. He is an excellent teacher, a man of good moral character, and is highly esteemed in this community.—Benj. F. Showalter, President Board of Education.

I have known O. H. Smith of Germantown personally for five or six years and can recommend him as every way worthy of the confidence of all.—J. A. Beattie, President State Normal School, Peru, Neb.

As a teacher, neighbor, and citizen, he has none but friends in this vicinity, and we feel sure that the voters of Platte county will make no mistake in placing an x opposite his name at the polls next November. They need have no fears that their educational interests will be neglected or mismanaged in the hands of O. H. Smith. In school work, we do not hesitate to say he has but few equals and no superiors.—Beaver Creek Exchange.

Platte county is probably one of the worst graft ridden counties in the state of Nebraska. The republicans down there have nominated an especially strong ticket and an effort is being made by the "Square Deal" residents of the county, without regard to party, to bring about a change in the administration of county affairs.—Genoa Leader.

Bruce Webb, the auctioneer, was here the first of the week and, talk about busy men, he is the limit. He has a sale nearly every day and as usual no two in the same county, besides he is a candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket and selling real estate. When asked about his chances for election he said: "I am going to win." Well, here is hoping he does, for Bruce Webb is one of the best and cleanest men we have ever met, and if he were known in Platte county as he is in Madison that 800 democratic majority in Platte county would look like 30 cents. They would all vote for Bruce Webb because they know he is clean and would give them a square deal.—Madison Star Mail.

It is often a good thing that a state or county or city is pretty evenly divided politically. In Boone county, for instance, if a public official is notoriously corrupt or incompetent he would hold his office no longer than the next election. But where one party has a big majority it is often possible for open and high handed corruptionists to plunder the county for one term after another. For example, over in Platte county the democrats have been in power continuously for a great many years. The party machinery is in the hands of a certain ring of politicians for revenue only, who name all the candidates for county offices, and so far they have been elected—by steadily diminishing majorities, it is true, but nevertheless elected. And the taxpayers of the county have suffered in consequence. Numerous cases of graft have been exposed, but the grafters merely look pleasant and say, "We have the votes. What are you going to do about it?" This year there are indications that they will not have the votes. The better element of the democratic party has revolted against the rule of the ring, and Chairman Frank Kiernan and Supervisor John Goetz, both democrats, have openly denounced the graft and the grafters.

In the interest of decent government and honest politics, it is to be hoped that there may be a revolution in Platte county, even if it should be only temporary.—P. J. Barron in Boone County Advance.

SETTLED AMICABLY.

The republicans are to have three supervisors on the ticket. The name of A. E. Priest of Monroe candidate from supervisor district number 4 will be placed on the ticket, as a result of the mandamus proceedings brought before Judge Reeder last Thursday to force John Graf, county clerk to perform his duty in this matter.

Objection to the nomination certificate in question was filed by J. H. Johannes of Columbus on the ground that notice of the nominating convention was not given according to law. R. W. Hobart, assisted by J. D. Stires, for A. E. Priest, applied for a writ of mandamus to compel County Clerk Graf to place the name on the ballot.

Judge Sullivan and Louis Lightner put up a hard fight for the respondent, arguing that the certificate was defective because it did not contain the place of residence of the chairman and secretary of the nominating convention.

Hobart and Stires on the other hand urged that the certificate was apparently regular on its face, and that at any rate no one but a republican resident of the supervisor's district could be heard to object.

Many authorities were cited by both parties and Judge Reeder withheld his decision till Friday noon, when he decided to issue the writ which compels Mr. Graf to have the name of A. E. Priest placed on the ballot.

Since the above article was written the democratic supervisor committees of the several districts have placed regular candidates in nomination, with-drawing the petitions of Ernst, Bender and Kelley, and placing the names of those gentlemen on the ticket as regular democratic nominees.

There were technical objections which could have been raised against this manner of nomination, but the republican committee, desirous of only a square deal and a fair contest waived this technical advantage and permitted the names to go on the ballot, the democratic committee agreeing in consideration of that courtesy to permit the names of J. F. Shurre to go on the ticket as the regular republican nominee in the second district.

The voters of the supervisor districts will not fail to remember on election day the attempt of the democratic committee to defeat by technicalities the nomination of republican supervisors and by unfair means to remove from the ticket the name of Henry Blaser, a German, in order that the editor of the Biene might declare to the Germans that the republicans were ignoring the Germans in Platte county. They should not forget that the office of supervisors is just as essential as the office of judge and sheriff to break up the ring headed by Howard, Ernst and Bender.

The supervisors contest has terminated as it should. Both parties have their candidates on the ticket. The people have an opportunity to say whether they want Ernst and Bender with unlawful salaries and a bridge trust and a printing trust or Newman, Schurre and Priest with a square deal and economy. If they want the former, so be it. They decide it next Tuesday.

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